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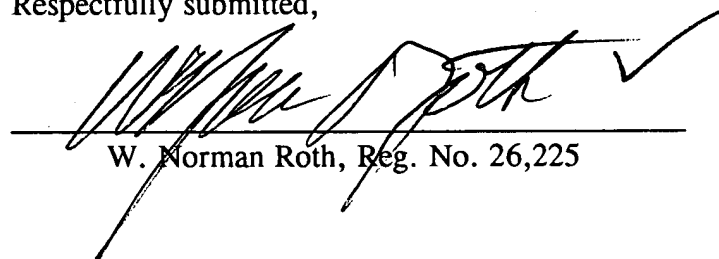
The enclosed publications listed on the attached PTO form, comprise art of which applicants have recently been made aware in a British Search Report dated 6 July 2001, copy enclosed. The enclosed publications may be material to the examination of the application but it is not intended that this statement constitute an admission that any of the enclosed documents are in fact material to patentability.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language publication, as presently understood, is set forth below.

The Alps Electric Japanese publication 4-307,256 and drawings disclose that ink is forced through the orifices and is wiped by a driven wiper 18 and subsequently discharged to the waste tank 22. The drawings do not seem to show any application of orifice treatment fluid on to the outside surface of the orifice plate or orifice array.

The Seiko Epson Japanese publication 4-338,552 has been cited in the U.K. search report merely as a document indicative of technological background and/or state of the art. This references merely seems to show a wiper or cleaner mounted in the moving path of the printhead recording head so that the last wiper can wipe and thus clean the nozzle array.

Respectfully submitted,



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## Patents Act 1977 Search Report under Section 17

### Databases searched:

UK Patent Office collections, including GB, EP, WO & US patent specifications, in

UK CI (Ed.S): B6F: FLR

Int CI (Ed.7): B41J: 2/165

Other: Online: EPODOC, PAJ, WPI

### Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
X	GB 2055328 A (MATSUSHITA) See Figs.1-4, page 2 line 37 - page 3 line 31	9
X	EP 0714775 A2 (CANON) See Figs.5-8, col.11 line 25 - col.14 line 58	9
A	JP 040338552 A (SEIKO EPSON) 25.11.92 See Figs.6&7, abstract	3,5
X	JP 040307256 A (ALPS) 29.10.92 See Fig.1, abstract	9
A	US 6158838 (EASTMAN KODAK) See Figs.1-3, col.2 line 17 - col.3 line 53	9
X	US 5495272 (SEIKO EPSON) See Figs.1-5, col.3 line 21 - col.6 line 13	9
A	US 5051758 (XEROX) See Figs.3&4, col.5 lines 13-31 & 42-58	1,12
X	US 4734718 (SHARP) See Figs.1&2, col.2 line 60 - col.4 line 68	9
X	US 4296418 (RICOH) See Fig.1, col.2 line 23 - col.4 line 24	9

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